

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

April 19, 2012

5:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Trey Gooch
Commissioner Robert Peay
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Tiffany Phillips
Commissioner Doug Shafer
Commissioner Gary Farley, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess Robert Arnold
Joe Russell Virgil Gammon
Michael Gregory Mike Nunley
Edward Phillips Jimmy Tedder
Travis McGee Kevin Allen
Keith Buford Randy Garrett

Lisa Marchisoni, Preble Morton, Lisa Nolen, Chris Smotherman,
Randall Miller, Amanda McPherson, Becky Shelton

Chairman Farley presided and called the meeting to
order at 5:00 p.m. with five members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by
Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the minutes of the last
meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by
acclamation."

CONSENT AGENDA:

The OSHA report, Emergency Management Agency report,
County Fire/Rescue report, Correctional Work Center report, PAWS
report, Domestic Violence report, Drug Court report, Ambulance
Service report and Juvenile Detention report were submitted for
approval on a Consent Agenda. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Gooch moved, seconded by Commissioner J.
Phillips, to approve the OSHA report, Emergency Management
Agency report, County Fire/Rescue report, Correctional Work
Center report, PAWS report, Domestic Violence report, Drug Court
report, Ambulance Service report and Juvenile Detention report
by Consent Agenda. This motion passed unanimously by
acclamation."

AMBULANCE SERVICE BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Mike Nunley next presented a proposed budget amendment
of \$70,000 from Account #118-34730 (Assigned for Public Health &
Welfare) to Account #118-55130-425 (Gasoline) and \$90,000
increase to Account #118-43120 (Patient Charges) and Account
#118-55130-399 (Other Contracted Services) to pay the billing
company which has collected more this fiscal year than
anticipated. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by
Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the budget amendment of
\$70,000 from Account #118-34730 (Assigned for Public Health &
Welfare) to Account #118-55130-425 (Gasoline) and \$90,000
increase to Account #118-43120 (Patient Charges) and Account
#118-55130-399 (Other Contracted Services). This motion passed
by roll call vote."

PAWS BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Michael Gregory next presented a proposed budget amendment of \$13,000 from Account #101-55120-164 (Attendants), \$300 from Account #101-55120-302 (Advertising), \$300 from Account #101-55120-320 (Dues Memberships) and \$50 from Account #101-55120-340 (Medical & Dental Services) with \$9,000 to Account #101-55120-169 (Part Time Personnel), \$4,000 to Account #101-55120-187 (Overtime Pay) and \$650 to Account #101-55120-357 (Veterinary Services). Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the budget amendment of \$13,000 from Account #101-55120-164 (Attendants), \$300 from Account #101-55120-302 (Advertising), \$300 from Account #101-55120-320 (Dues Memberships) and \$50 from Account #101-55120-340 (Medical & Dental Services) with \$9,000 to Account #101-55120-169 (Part Time Personnel), \$4,000 to Account #101-55120-187 (Overtime Pay) and \$650 to Account #101-55120-357 (Veterinary Services). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Gregory next advised a grant application was due May 4 for the Tennessee animal friendly license plates and he anticipated applying for \$6,600 which would pay for one trip per month by the spay station to help low income citizens. There is no matching money for the grant. The County Mayor has approved applying for the grant but there is not enough time to present the same to the Budget Committee before the due date. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve applying for a \$6,600 grant through the Tennessee animal friendly license plates and authorize the County Mayor to sign the same. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CORRECTIONAL WORK CENTER BUDGET AMENDMENT:

Bernard Salandy presented a proposed budget amendment of \$5,000 from Account #101-54220-413 (Drugs & Medical Supplies) and \$3,000 from Account #101-54220-418 (Equipment/Machinery Parts) with \$8,000 to Account #101-54220-335 (Maint/Repair Building). Following discussion,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the budget amendment of \$5,000 from Account #101-54220-413 (Drugs & Medical Supplies) and \$3,000 from Account #101-54220-418 (Equipment/Machinery Parts) with \$8,000 to Account #101-54220-335 (Maint/Repair Building). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT REPORT AND 2012/13 PROPOSED BUDGET:

Sheriff Robert Arnold and Joe Russell presented proposed budget amendments of \$4,000 from Account #54110-708 (Comm. Equip.) and \$6,000 from Account #54210-399 (Other Cont. Serv) with \$10,000 to Account #54210-410 (Custodial Supp); \$800 increase to Account #48130 (Gov. Agency Contr) and Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies); \$12,000 from Account #122-54150-189 (Narc Salaries) to Account #122-54150-187 (Narc OT); and \$5,000

from Account #121-54110-335 (SP R/M Bldg) to Account #121-54110-790 (SP Other Equi) to purchase a horse trailer for Mounted Patrol. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the budget amendments of \$4,000 from Account #54110-708 (Comm. Equip.) and \$6,000 from Account #54210-399 (Other Cont. Serv) with \$10,000 to Account #54210-410 (Custodial Supp); \$800 increase to Account #48130 (Gov. Agency Contr) and Account #54210-499 (Other Supplies); \$12,000 from Account #122-54150-189 (Narc Salaries) to Account #122-54150-187 (Narc OT); and \$5,000 from Account #121-54110-335 (SP R/M Bldg) to Account #121-54110-790 (SP Other Equi). This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next provided the line item report for its use and information. Following review,

"Commissioner T. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the line item report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next provided a copy of the Annual Report of the Sheriff's Office as well as an inmate population analysis.

The Committee was provided the 2012/13 budget proposal with the Mayor's recommendation which included the source and nature of anticipated revenue and the five year capital budget plan.

Sheriff Arnold advised there is a new law on sentences for domestic violence offenses which will impact the number of inmates. The State does not have to take an inmate until the County has held them eight years. Sheriff Arnold advised two hot water heaters needed to be replaced at \$150,000 and chillers need to be repaired. Sheriff Arnold reminded the Committee the State closed the kitchen and they are in dire need of administrative space. Sheriff Arnold and his staff have been working hard to look for grants and donations and are also trying to find additional fees and revenues.

The first budget presented was Special Patrols, #54120, which is the lake patrol and the Corp. of Engineers reimburses at one hundred percent. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Special Patrols budget, #54120, as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The next budget presented was the Sex Offender Registry, #54160, which has one employee and includes overtime.

This budget corrects the pay grade as previously approved for the position moved to detective from evidence. The Committee was advised the Mayor has not agreed to the salary included in the proposed budget as it includes a 5% increase in addition to any step increase which may be due and the Committee may want to approve the budget without any approval applying to the proposed salary. Mayor Burgess advised he was basically in agreement with the budget short of the salary line items and recommended

retaining the ability to further discuss the budget. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner T. Phillips, to approve the Sex Offender Registry budget, #54160, subject to the Mayor's recommendation as to the salary. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The Committee was next provided an analysis of the Sheriff's Office salaries versus operating costs.

The Committee was next provided Sheriff's Office budget, #54110, of \$16,607,649 which also includes the 5% across the Board salary increase in addition to any step raises due. The Committee was advised five narcotics officers are included to be absorbed by the County as the drug fund does not have sufficient funding to continue to pay the officers' salaries which have been funded by grant money for twelve years. Sheriff Arnold advised his number one goal is to have the County absorb the narcotics positions as there is a definite need for the positions. Mayor Burgess advised the number of dollars in the drug fund needs to be firmed up as it may be able to fund the positions one more year. The budget includes several promotions and one new position of Public Information Officer. Sheriff Arnold advised the School Board has a PIO and his department needed one advising Ms. Marchisoni does as much as possible but she has other duties. Sheriff Arnold advised patrol officers are also needed but he did not request any. Mayor Budget advised the budget is subject to much more review and discussion but he would have a recommendation at some point. Sheriff Arnold advised he was taking control of his own OIT department and had created five positions to do the work. The budget also includes a request for twelve haz/mat suits. There are no patrol vehicles in the budget but does include one maintenance truck, six unmarked vehicles, one Tahoe for the K-9 unit and one transport van. Mayor Burgess advised as to the motor vehicles he did not agree or disagree as he has not made a decision yet but advised he did agree with the rest of the budget except as to salaries. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Gooch, to approve the Sheriff's Office budget, #54110, as presented with the Mayor's recommendations leaving salaries and Line Item 718 for further discussion. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mayor Burgess advised the budget may have to be reviewed again after wrapping up all departments.

Commissioner Shafer requested the Sheriff look at Line Item 425.

The Committee was provided a budget analysis of jail salaries versus operating costs.

The Committee was next presented the jail budget, #54210, with Sheriff Arnold advising his department is grossly underpaid compared to Hamilton County and therefore the 5% salary increase in addition to step increases due. Virgil Gammon advised the pay plan started in 1995 has been frozen five times. Mayor Burgess advised he was not ready to discuss

salaries and the County is in the process of getting information to compare to other counties. In addition the County is in the process of reviewing every position in the County and will be able to advise the impact in the next few weeks. Commissioner J. Phillips advised the Commissioners were elected to look out for the entire citizenry of the County. The requested increase appears to be in excess of nine percent without taking into consideration the salary increases. Sheriff Arnold advised the department keeps growing and the growth is out of his control. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Peay moved, seconded by Commissioner J. Phillips, to approve the jail budget, #54210, as presented with the Mayor's recommendations leaving salaries and Line Item 399 (Medical) for further discussion. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

The next meeting will be held May 30 at 5:00 p.m. due to the Memorial Day holiday.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Farley declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

GARY FARLEY, Chairman